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MONTANA SENATE 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION

COMMITTEE ON BUSINESS, LABOR, AND ECONOMIC AFFAIRS

Call to Order: Chair Edward Buttrey, on March 13, 2017 at 9:00 AM, in Room 422
Capitol

ROLL CALL

Members Present:

Sen. Edward Buttrey, Chair (R)
Sen. Dee Brown, Vice Chair (R)
Sen. Pat Connell (R)
Sen. Tom Facey (D)
Sen. Steve Fitzpatrick (R)
Sen. Daniel R. Salomon (R)
Sen. Jason D. Small (R)
Sen. Frank Smith (D)
Sen. Gordon Vance (R)
Sen. Gene Vuckovich (D)

Members Excused: None

Members Absent: None

Staff Present: Linda Keim, Committee Secretary
Jameson Walker, Legislative Branch

Audio Committees: These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

Committee Business Summary:

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 198, 3/3/2017; HB 470, 3/3/2017

00:00:01 Chairman Buttrey

HEARING ON HB 198

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

00:01:10 Rep. Kirk Wagoner (R), HD 75, opened the hearing on HB 198. Revise distribution of death certificate fee increase.

[EXHIBIT\(bus52a01\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

00:05:39 Jim Brown, Montana Funeral Directors Association (MFDA)

[EXHIBIT\(bus52a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus52a03\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus52a04\)](#)

00:09:36 Roger Hagan, national legislative counsel, American Legion; Enlisted Association of the National Guard of Montana

00:11:35 Bob Schwegel, Veterans of Foreign Wars

00:12:04 Travis Newman, Montana Funeral Directors Association, Board of Funeral Service (MFDA)

00:14:32 Chris Holt, Montana Funeral Directors Association, licensed mortician, crematory technician

[EXHIBIT\(bus52a05\)](#)

00:18:39 Regina Plettenberg, Montana Association of Clerks and Records

[EXHIBIT\(bus52a06\)](#)

00:21:26 Harold Blattie, executive director, Montana Association of Counties

Opponents' Testimony:

00:23:38 Nick Domitrovich, staff attorney, Department of Health and Human Services (DPHHS)

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

00:30:54 Sen. Facey

00:30:58 Mr. Newman, MFDA

00:31:27 Sen. Facey

00:31:39 Mr. Domitrovich, DPHHS redirect

00:33:00 Rep. Wagoner

00:33:43 Chair Buttrey

00:33:47 Sen. Facey

00:36:55 Rep. Wagoner

[EXHIBIT\(bus52a07\)](#)

00:37:28 Chair Buttrey
00:38:00 Mr. Brown, MFDA
00:40:28 Sen. Brown
00:42:24 Mr. Brown
00:43:05 Chair Buttrey
00:43:18 Mr. Brown
00:44:43 Sen. Connell
00:46:16 Mr. Domitrovich
00:46:51 Sen. Connell
00:47:31 Chair Buttrey
00:47:41 Sen. Smith
00:50:15 Mr. Domitrovich
00:50:42 Sen. Facey
00:56:25 Mr. Brown

Closing by Sponsor:

00:57:06 Rep. Wagoner
00:58:16 Chair Buttrey
00:58:45 Recess
01:05:45 Reconvene

HEARING ON HB 470

Opening Statement by Sponsor:

01:05:55 Rep. Lola Sheldon-Galloway (R), HD 22, opened the hearing on HB 470. Revise laws relating to marriage and family therapy.

[EXHIBIT\(bus52a08\)](#)

Proponents' Testimony:

01:10:25 Abigail St. Lawrence, Montana Association of Marriage and Family Therapists (MAMFT); also speaking for Stacey Anderson, Montana Primary Care Association

[EXHIBIT\(bus52a09\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus52a10\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(bus52a11\)](#)

Opponents' Testimony: None

Informational Testimony: None

Questions from Committee Members and Responses:

01:15:33 Sen. Brown
01:23:34 Ms. St. Lawrence, MAMFT
01:23:44 Sen. Facey

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01:23:58	Ms. St. Lawrence
01:24:06	Chair Buttrey
01:24:31	Sen. Facey
01:25:29	Ms. St. Lawrence
01:28:08	Sen. Facey
01:29:22	Ms. St. Lawrence
01:30:17	Chair Buttrey
01:31:36	Ms. St. Lawrence
01:32:26	Sen. Facey
01:32:30	Ms. St. Lawrence

Closing by Sponsor:

01:32:52	Rep. Sheldon-Galloway
01:35:21	Chair Buttrey

ADJOURNMENT

Adjournment: 10:39 AM

Linda Keim, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

EXHIBIT([bus52aad.pdf](#))